

2017 Statistical Profile: City of Rainier

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Demographics

Population, 2000	1,492
Population, 2010	1,794
Population, 2017	1,930
Pop. Growth per Year, 2000-'10	1.9%
Pop. Growth per Year, 2010-'17	1.0%

Households, 2010	656
Average Household Size, 2010	2.73

Age Structure, 2010:

17 and under	468	26%
18 - 64	1,157	64%
65 and over	169	9%
Median Age	37	--

Race and Ethnic Categories, 2010:

White	1,628	91%
Black/African American	22	1%
American Indian & Alaska Native	21	1%
Asian	19	1%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	2	0%
Other Race	20	1%
Two or More Races	82	5%

Hispanic or Latino (Of Any Race), 2010:

	89	5%
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Named for its view of Mt. Rainier, Rainier is situated amidst the ten al queth' prairies, which is the Lushootseed word meaning "the best yet." The community was first settled by Albert and Maria Gehrke who homesteaded in the area in 1890. Six years later, Albert and his two brothers, Theodore and Paul, built the community's first school and church, which today is a state historic landmark.

Lumbering brought prosperity to the town and its first lumber company, the Bob White Lumber Company, opened in 1906. Other lumber companies followed, including the Deschutes, Gruber and Docherty and Fir Tree. A series of fires in the Rainier area in the late 1920s and early 1930s destroyed several of these mill operations (in addition to many of the town's buildings).

Housing

Housing Units, 2017 Estimate:

Single-Family	610	75%
Multifamily	45	6%
Manufactured Homes	155	19%

Average House Sale Price, 2016 \$227,875

Employment and Income

Median Household Income¹:

1999 (Census 2000)	\$42,955
2010-2015 (ACS Estimate)	\$68,942

Households by Income Category, 2011-2015¹:

Less than \$24,999	99	13%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	137	18%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	187	25%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	176	23%
\$100,000 or more	162	21%

Taxable Retail Sales, 2016: \$16,000,198

Total Jobs, 2014 Estimate²:

Manufacturing	30
Construction and Utilities	5
Transportation and Warehousing	55
Retail	5
Services	165
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	35
Government	155

Development Activity

New Housing Units Permitted

Average per Year, 2000-'10	17
Average per Year, 2010-'15	8.8
Total New Units Permitted, 2016	37

Subdivision Activity, 2016:

	# Appl.	# Lots
Short Plat	2	4
Long Plat	1	16

Explanation: ¹Estimates based on survey data and may have a large margin of error.

²Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Source: TRPC, [Profile](http://www.trpc.org/TheProfile) (www.trpc.org/TheProfile).